



Roma State College

# Student Code of Conduct 2020-2023

## ***Every student succeeding***

***Every student succeeding is the shared vision of Queensland state schools. Our vision shapes regional and school planning to ensure every student receives the support needed to belong to the school community, engage purposefully in learning and experience academic success.***

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## Purpose

Roma State College is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for all students, staff, parents and visitors.

The Roma State College Student Code of Conduct sets out the responsibilities and processes we use in our school to promote a productive, effective whole school approach to discipline.

Its purpose is to facilitate high standards of behaviour from all in the school community, ensuring learning and teaching in our school is prioritised, where all students are able to experience success and staff enjoy a safe workplace.

## Principal's Foreword

Roma State College has a long and proud tradition of providing high quality education to students from western Queensland. We believe strong, positive relationships between all members of our school are the foundation to supporting the success of all students.

The Student Code of Conduct provides students, staff and parent/ carers with a clear understanding of the expectations and values that underpin all we do at Roma State College. The document has been developed with an emphasis on our approach to managing student behaviour, that is through the lens of the Positive Behaviour for Learning framework. It is our intent that we provide the appropriate support to all students to enable them to become lifelong learners with-in the school community and beyond.

Our school staff believe that communication and positive connections with other people are the most valuable skills our communities need now and in the future.

Roma State College staff take an educative approach to discipline, that behaviour can be taught and that mistakes are opportunities for everyone to learn. Our Student Code of Conduct provides an overview of the school's local policies on use of mobile phones and other technology, removal of student property and the approach to preventing and addressing incidents of bullying. It also details the steps school staff take to educate students about these policies and how students are explicitly taught the expected behaviours. Finally, it details the consequences that may apply when students breach the expected standards of behaviour, including the use of suspension or exclusion.

I thank the students, teachers, parents and other members of the community for their work in bringing this Roma State College Student Code of Conduct together over the last six months. Your interest and views shared through the process of developing this document have been invaluable. It provides a clear explanation of what we expect from students and how we will support them to meet those expectations.

## P&C Statement of Support

As president of the Roma State College P&C Committee, I am proud to support the new Student Code of Conduct. The inclusive, transparent consultation process led by Mrs Diana Garvie and her team has ensured that all parents have had multiple opportunities to contribute and provide feedback on the final product. This has been an important aspect in the development of the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct, as the awareness and involvement of parents is critical to ensuring all adults are able to support the students of the school to meet the set expectations.

We encourage all parents to familiarise themselves with the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct, and to take time to talk with their children about the expectations and discuss any support they may need. In particular, we want to emphasise the systems in place to help students affected by bullying.

Bullying is a community-wide issue in which we all have a role to play in combating; however, it can have particularly devastating impacts on our young people. It is important that every parent and child of Roma State College knows what to do if subjected to bullying, regardless of where it occurs. This includes cyberbullying, through the misuse of social media or text messaging. It is important that parents and children know that schools provide support and advice to help address problems of bullying, and the flowchart on page 39 provides an excellent starting point to understand how to approach the school about these types of problems.

Any parents who wish to discuss the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct and the role of families in supporting the behavioural expectations of students are welcome to contact myself or to join the Roma State College P&C Association. It is with your support that we can work collaboratively with school staff to ensure all students are safe, supported and appropriately supported to meet their individual social and learning needs.

## School Student Leaders' Statement

On behalf of the student body at Roma State College, we endorse the Student Code of Conduct for 2020 - 2023. We have represented students on the consultation committee, provided feedback on draft materials and put forward the views of young people on a range of issues affecting their lives at school. Throughout the year, we will continue to work with the school administration team and the Roma State College P&C Association on how the Student Code of Conduct is working, identify areas for improvement and present alternative options or suggestions for consideration.

Any student who has questions or issues they would like raised by the School Leaders are invited to approach any of us directly.

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## Consultation

The consultation process used to inform the development of the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct occurred in three phases.

In the first phase, we held a series of internal meetings with staff in 2019. During these meetings, we examined a range of data sets on student and staff attendance, school disciplinary absences (SDA) and outcomes from the most recent School Opinion Survey. We identified strengths and successes from our previous school behaviour plan, and areas for further development.

In the second phase, we provided a survey to all students, parents and staff on school culture and climate. This included a request to respond to key themes from the earlier staff discussions about strengths and areas for further development.

Finally, a draft Student Code of Conduct was prepared and distributed for comment to all members of the school community. The third phase of consultation was completed in June 2020, and the finished version, incorporating suggested changes and feedback, was sent to the P&C Association meeting in July, 2020, for endorsement. The P&C Association unanimously endorsed the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct for implementation in 2021.

A communication strategy has been developed to support the implementation of the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct, including parent information evenings, promotion through the school website, weekly newsletter and email footer links of staff emails. Any families who require assistance to access a copy of the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct, including translation to a suitable language, are encouraged to contact the principal.

### **Review Statement**

The Roma State College Student Code of Conduct will undergo annual minor updates to reflect changing circumstances, data and staff. A full review is conducted every four years in line with the scheduled review process for the School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting cycle.

## Data Overview

This section is used to report on key measures related to student discipline, safety and wellbeing using existing data sets available to all schools. This provides an open and transparent reporting mechanism for the school community on the perceptions of students, parents and staff about school climate, attendance and school disciplinary absences.

The Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction data in the tables below is drawn from the School Opinion Survey. The School Opinion Survey is an annual collection designed to obtain the views of parents/caregivers, students and school staff from each school on what they do well and how they can improve.

Opinions on the school, student learning, and student wellbeing are sought from a parent/caregiver in all families and a sample of students from each state school.

Opinions on the school as a workplace are sought from all school staff and principals. There are additional questions for teaching staff on their confidence to teach and improve student outcomes. Principals are also asked about their confidence to lead the school and improve student outcomes.

There are four different confidential surveys for

- parents
- students
- staff
- principals.

For more information, refer to [frequently asked questions](#) page.

## School Opinion Survey

### Parent opinion survey

Item Description	2017	2018	2019
S2035 This is a good school	88.2	83.5	89.1
S2034 I would recommend this school to others	88.2	84.6	89.1
S2016 My child is getting a good education at this school	100.0	88.5	92.2
S2012 Student behaviour is well managed at this school	70.6	57.7	73.8
S2021 Teachers at this school are interested in my child's wellbeing	94.1	85.7	92.2
S2017 My child's (Literacy) English skills are being developed at this school	94.1	88.6	92.2
S2018 My child's (Numeracy) Mathematics skills are being developed at this school	94.1	92.3	93.7
S2006 Teachers at this school provide my child with useful feedback about his or her school work	94.1	88.5	91.9
S2028 This school provides me with useful feedback about my child's progress	100.0	84.6	90.6
Overall rating for all survey items	89.4	82.3	89.6

### Student opinion survey

Item Description	2017	2018	2019
S2068 This is a good school	80.5	76.8	85.4
S2067 I would recommend my school to others	80.3	79.2	84.2
S2048 I am getting a good education at my school	89.9	89.8	91.0
S2044 Student behaviour is well managed at my school	60.4	59.8	64.8
S2063 My teachers care about me	82.4	83.2	84.3
S2049 My English skills are being developed at my school	92.6	90.3	92.7
S2050 My Maths skills are being developed at my school	86.3	87.8	92.6
S2040 My teachers provide me with useful feedback about my school work	90.1	90.9	90.9
S2059 My teachers encourage me to do my best	92.5	92.4	94.3
Overall rating for all survey items	85.1	85.3	87.4

### Staff opinion survey

	Item Description	2017	2018	2019
Teaching Staff	S2122/S3241: I feel that students receive a good education at this/my school *	90.2	97.9	96.0
	S2118/S3239: I feel confident engaging all of my students in learning at this/my school *	91.8	93.8	96.0
	S2116/S3238: I feel confident using student assessment data to improve student achievement at this/my school *	98.4	100.0	97.9
All Staff	S2108: This is a good school	85.7	93.8	96.4
	S2107: I would recommend this school to others. S3231: I would recommend my school as a good place to work #1	84.5	96.2	95.2
	S2074: Student behaviour is well managed at this school	79.8	86.1	82.9
	S2072: Students are encouraged to do their best at this school	94.0	93.8	96.3
	S2086: I have access to quality professional development.	71.4	82.1	90.4
	S2084/S3222: I feel that staff morale is positive at this/my school *	75.9	92.5	89.2
	Overall rating for "All Staff" survey items	83.5	91.8	91.8

## School Disciplinary Absences (SDA)

Principals use a range of disciplinary consequences to address inappropriate behaviour. Suspensions, exclusions and cancellations of enrolment are only used as a last resort option for addressing serious behaviour issues. Principals balance individual circumstances and the actions of the student with the needs and rights of school community members.

All state schools are required to report School Disciplinary Absences (SDA) for the school year in their school annual report. There are four main categories of SDA: short suspension, long suspension, exclusion and charge-related suspension.

The following table shows the count of incidents for students recommended for each type of school disciplinary absence reported at the school.

ROMA STATE COLLEGE SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ABSENCES			
Type	2017	2018	2019
Short Suspensions – 1 to 10 days	248	278	292
Long Suspensions – 11 to 20 days	1	5	9
Charge related Suspensions	0	0	0
Exclusions	0	1	2

## Learning and Behaviour Statement

Everyone brings their own sets of personal beliefs to a school community. These beliefs influence their decisions, behaviour and social practices. It is reasonable to expect that not everyone will share the same sets of beliefs, and this contributes to a richly diverse social environment in each school. It can also contribute to differences in expectations and force us to reflect on our own understanding of what we consider acceptable and unacceptable. We encourage any student or parent to make an appointment with the principal to discuss the model of behaviour support and discipline used at this school.

### Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

Roma State College uses multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) as the foundation for our integrated approach to learning and behaviour. MTSS is a preventative, differentiated model grounded in practical strategies, targeted planning and data-informed decision-making. Based on a problem-solving model, in MTSS school staff match increasingly intensive interventions to the identified needs of individual students.

Tier	Prevention Description
1	<p><b>All students</b> (100%) in the school receive support for their academic and behavioural development. Focus is on the whole-school implementation of both the Australian Curriculum and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations. This involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• teaching behaviours in the setting they will be used</li> <li>• being consistent when addressing challenging behaviour, while taking developmental norms and behavioural function into account</li> <li>• providing refresher lessons and targeted recognition throughout the school year so skills are ready and likely to be used when students need them</li> <li>• asking students and their families for their perspectives on school climate, instruction, reinforcement, and discipline so improvements in Tier 1 may be made.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Targeted instruction and supports for <b>some students</b> (10-15%) are more intense than Tier 1 services, providing more time and specialisation in services from a range of school-based staff to enable students to meet the required academic and behavioural standards.</p> <p>Tier 2 supports build on the lessons provided at Tier 1, and may prevent the need for more intensive interventions. Tier 2 supports are provided to small groups of students with similar needs, offering more time and/or detailed instruction on the Australian Curriculum or particular aspects of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations. The types of interventions offered at this level will vary according to the needs of each school's student body, but all have certain things in common:</p>

- there is a clear connection between the skills taught in the interventions and the school-wide expectations.
- interventions require little time of classroom teachers and are easy to sustain
- variations within each intervention are limited
- interventions have a good chance of working (e.g., they are “evidence-based” interventions that are matched to the student’s need).

If the school data indicates that more than 10-15% of students require targeted services, then a review of Tier 1 is needed to address the basic implementation and quality of instruction.

**3** Individualised services for **few students** (2-5%) who require the most intensive support a school can provide. These are usually delivered in very small groups or on an individual basis.

Tier 3 supports continue to build on the lessons and supports provided at Tiers 1 and 2, becoming more individualised and more intensive until teams can identify what is needed for a student to be successful. Tier 3 supports are based on the underlying reasons for a student’s behaviour (their FBA) and should include strategies to:

- PREVENT problem behaviour
- TEACH the student an acceptable replacement behaviour
- REINFORCE the student’s use of the replacement behaviour
- MINIMISE the payoff for problem behaviour.

Tier 3 supports exist along a continuum. Many students can benefit from a simple (or brief) Functional Behaviour Assessment (FBA) that identifies unique strategies to help the student achieve success. A smaller percentage of students may require a more comprehensive FBA that includes a more thorough process for data collection, teaming, and problem solving. A much smaller percentage of students may need an intensive FBA and wraparound plan that includes personnel from outside agencies and rigorous problem solving procedures.

If the school data indicates that more than 2-5% of the student population requires individualised services, a review of Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports and organisation is recommended.

## Consideration of Individual Circumstances

Staff at Roma State College take into account students’ individual circumstances, such as their behaviour history, disability, mental health and wellbeing, religious and cultural considerations, home environment and care arrangements when teaching expectations, responding to inappropriate behaviour or applying a disciplinary consequence.

In considering the individual circumstances of each student, we recognise that the way we teach, the support we provide and the way we respond to students will differ. This reflects the principle of equality, where every student is given the support they need to be successful. This also means that not everyone will be treated the same, because treating everyone the same is not fair. For example, some students need additional support to interpret or

understand an expectation. Others may benefit from more opportunities to practise a required skill or behaviour. For a small number of students, the use of certain disciplinary consequences may be considered inappropriate or ineffective due to complex trauma or family circumstances. These are all matters that our teachers and principal consider with each individual student in both the instruction of behaviour and the response to behaviour.

Our teachers are also obliged by law to respect and protect the privacy of individual students, so while we understand the interest of other students, staff and parents to know what punishment another student might have received, we will not disclose or discuss this information with anyone but the student's family. This applies even if the behavioural incident, such as bullying, involves your child. You can be assured that school staff take all matters, such as bullying, very seriously and will address them appropriately. We expect that parents and students will respect the privacy of other students and families.

If you have concerns about the behaviour of another student at the school, or the way our staff have responded to their behaviour, please make an appointment with the principal to discuss the matter.

## Student Wellbeing

Roma State College offers a range of programs and services to support the wellbeing of students in our school. We encourage parents and students to speak with their class teacher, Year Level Co-ordinator (Secondary) or make an appointment to meet with the Guidance Officer if they would like individual advice about accessing particular services.

Learning and wellbeing are inextricably linked — students learn best when their wellbeing is optimised, and they develop a strong sense of wellbeing when they experience success in learning. The [student learning and wellbeing framework](#) supports state schools with creating positive school cultures and embedding student wellbeing in all aspects of school life through connecting the learning environment, curriculum and pedagogy, policies, procedures and partnerships for learning and life.

### Curriculum and pedagogy

Schools build the foundations for wellbeing and lifelong learning through curriculum embedding [personal and social capabilities](#) (self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and social management) in the implementation of the [P–12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework](#).

Schools acknowledge the positive impact that a meaningful relationship between teacher and students can have on students' academic and social outcomes. As part of the whole school's curriculum at Roma State College, we provide age-appropriate drug and alcohol education that reinforces public health and safety messages as part of a broader sexuality and relationships education program; and ensure CPR for Life in schools skills training is provided to all Year 12 students before graduating.

## **Policy and expectations**

Within a school community, there are specific health and wellbeing issues that will need to be addressed for the whole school, specific students, or in certain circumstances.

### *Drug education and intervention*

Roma State College implements drug intervention measures for students involved in drug-related incidents at school, during school activities or while in school uniform. This is managed to protect the health and safety of the student/s involved, other students, school staff and the wider community.

### *Specialised health needs*

Roma State College works closely with parents to ensure students with specialised health needs, including those requiring specialised health procedures, have access to a reasonable standard of support for their health needs whilst attending school or school-based activities.

This means that appropriate health plans are developed and followed for students with specialised health needs, that staff are aware of the student's medical condition and that an appropriate number of staff have been trained to support the student's health condition.

### *Medications*

Roma State College requires parent consent and medical authorisation to administer any medication (including over-the-counter medications) to students. For students requiring medication to be administered during school hours, the College can provide further information and relevant forms.

For students with a long-term health condition requiring medication, parents need to provide the school with a [Request to administer medication at school](#) form signed by the prescribing health practitioner.

Roma State College maintains a minimum of one adrenaline auto-injector and asthma reliever/puffer, stored in the school's/campus first aid kit to provide emergency first aid medication if required.

### *Mental health*

Roma State College implements early intervention measures and treatments for students where there is reasonable belief that a student has a mental health difficulty. This includes facilitating the development, implementation and periodic review of a [Student Plan](#).

### *Gender Diversity*

Roma State College is committed to providing quality educational experiences to all of our students to ensure they have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Our school community reflects the diverse nature of communities across Queensland. We are committed to providing the opportunity to learn and succeed in a safe, supportive, inclusive and disciplined learning environment.

### *Suicide prevention*

Roma State College school staff who notice suicide warning signs in a student should seek help immediately from the school Guidance Officer, Senior Guidance Officer or other appropriate staff.



When dealing with a mental health crisis, schools call 000 when there is an imminent threat to the safety of student in the first instance, and where necessary provide first aid. In all other situations, Roma State College staff follow suicide intervention and prevention advice by ensuring:

- the student is not left alone
- their safety and the safety of other students and staff is maintained
- students receive appropriate support immediately
- parents are advised
- all actions are documented and reported.

#### *Suicide postvention*

In the case of a suicide of a student that has not occurred on school grounds, Roma State College enacts a postvention response, by communicating with the family of the student and ensuring immediate support is provided to students and staff who may be affected.

Where a suicide has occurred on school grounds or at a school event, Roma State College staff immediately enact the School Emergency Management Plan and communicate with the family of the student and ensure immediate support is provided to students and staff who may be affected.

## Student Support Network

Roma State College is proud to have a comprehensive Student Support Network in place to help the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of every student. In addition to the assistance provided by class teachers, we have a team of professionals whose dedicated roles are to help ensure our school is an inclusive, nurturing environment.

Students can approach any trusted school staff member at Roma State College to seek assistance or advice. If they are unable to assist they will provide guidance and help ensure the student is connected to the appropriate representative of the Student Support Network.

Parents who would like more information about the student support roles and responsibilities are invited to contact the Head of Campus.

Role	What they do
Community Education Counsellor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides support services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students and communities.</li> </ul>
Wellbeing Teacher/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• leadership of Student Support Network to promote an inclusive, positive school culture</li> <li>• monitors attendance, behaviour and academic data to identify areas of additional need.</li> </ul>
Guidance Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides a comprehensive student support program within the school environment offering counselling with students on a one-on-one basis or in a group setting</li> <li>• assists students with specific difficulties, acting as a mediator or providing information on other life skills</li> <li>• liaises with parents, teachers, or other external health providers as needed as part of the counselling process.</li> </ul>

<p>Head of Department - Junior Secondary</p>	<p><b>SUBJECT/ CURRICULUM SUPERVISION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide curriculum leadership and management in curriculum development, implementation, assessment and reporting for Year 7 -10</li> <li>• Overseeing the development and implementation of Australian Curriculum Work Programs Year 7-10</li> <li>• Chair the Curriculum Working Party to monitor and review curriculum implementation Year 7-10</li> <li>• Individual Curriculum Plan co-ordination for students in Year 7-10, in conjunction with HOI</li> <li>• Build teacher capacity in the explicit teaching of reading</li> <li>• IMPACT student group co-ordination</li> <li>• Support teachers to enhance pedagogical delivery in classrooms</li> </ul> <p><b>TESTING CO-ORDINATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisation of NAPLAN preparation (skills)</li> <li>• PAT R and PAT M organisation and data analysis (Feb &amp; Oct)</li> <li>• ICAS testing organisation</li> </ul> <p><b>BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case management, with HOC, of high level behaviour incidence for student in Year 7 &amp; 8</li> <li>• Working with Yr 7 &amp; 8 YLCs on overall student management and attendance</li> </ul>
<p>Head of Department – Senior Schooling</p>	<p><b>SUBJECT/ CURRICULUM SUPERVISION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 and 12 Overall Teaching and Learning Management</li> <li>• QCAA Management</li> <li>• Work Program and Study Plan Approval/ amendments</li> <li>• QCAA Portal and WP Online Management</li> <li>• External exams management/co-ordinator</li> <li>• Student Management system co-ordinator</li> <li>• Academic Reporting Administrator</li> <li>• Oversee QTAC processes</li> <li>• SATE Meeting Coordination</li> <li>• YEAR 11/12 QCE AT-RISK MANAGEMENT</li> <li>• 11/12 At Risk student management - working with case managers</li> <li>• 11/12 Subject selection/changes and YR 10 SET Planning</li> <li>• Input into Yr 11 &amp; 12 QCE XLS Spreadsheet</li> <li>• Regional Data Reporting</li> </ul> <p><b>BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Behaviour Management, including academic integrity</li> </ul>
<p>Head of Department – Vocational Education &amp; Training</p>	<p><b>SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS &amp; TRAINEESHIPS (SATs)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing guidance to students looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship</li> <li>• Co-ordinating the signup process for new SATs, in conjunction with VET teacher-aide/ admin</li> <li>• Liaising with key teachers to monitor and track each student’s progress to ensure successful outcomes in qualifications being undertaken</li> <li>• Liaising with local businesses who have, or are looking for, school-based SATs</li> <li>• Liaising with Golden West, SRTOs, Busy at Work and other Australian Apprenticeship Centres (AAC), as well</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as other organisations providing SAT opportunities for students</li> </ul> <p><b>TAFE STUDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaising with TAFE - Southwest staff to organise block training and course time; Liaising with key RSC tutorial teachers to ensure contact with TAFE staff is occurring to receive feedback on</li> <li>• student attendance, engagement and achievement</li> <li>• Management and Liaising with External RTOs:</li> <li>• Mentoring/Coaching staff to plan, implement and deliver qualifications</li> <li>• Supervising all Certificate Courses taught across Years 10-12, and ensuring that data is being entered in a</li> <li>• timely manner</li> </ul> <p><b>SHORT-TERM SCHOOL PROGRAMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Experience</li> <li>• Try Trades</li> </ul> <p><b>BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 Behaviour Management</li> </ul>
<p>Head of Department – Student Wellbeing</p>	<p><b>STUDENT WELLBEING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus PBL - Tier meetings, and Campus focus areas</li> <li>• Liaising &amp; co-ordinating with community organisations (e.g. CHYMS, Anglicare, Dept. Child Safety, Lifeline, Catholic Care)</li> <li>• Liaising &amp; co-ordinating with GO, YSC, Beyond the Broncos Co-ordinator, SBYHN, Chaplain.</li> <li>• Development of Education Support Plans (ESPs) for students in care, in conjunction with GO</li> <li>• Assisting HOD SS with the support of Year 11 &amp; 12 QCE At Risk Students</li> <li>• Co-ordination of SSS and complex case meetings, and referrals</li> <li>• Co-ordinate lunchtime activities for students with the Student Support staff</li> </ul> <p><b>YEAR LEVEL SPECIFIC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring Year 7 - 10 student performance, in conjunction with HOD JS and YLCs.</li> <li>• Assisting HOD SS with Year 12 QCE At-Risk Case Management</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring and following up on attendance, in conjunction with YLCs, YSC and Beyond the Broncos Co-ordinator</li> <li>• Development of strategies and plans for support and re-engagement for extreme at-risk students, including</li> <li>• the co-ordination of the BTB Flexible Learning Program</li> </ul> <p><b>BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close monitoring of students with high number of incidences</li> </ul>
<p>Head of Curriculum - Primary</p>	<p><b>CURRICULUM LEADERSHIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide curriculum leadership and management in curriculum development, implementation, assessment and reporting for Year P-6</li> <li>• Overseeing the development and implementation of Australian Curriculum Work Programs Prep to 6</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Curriculum Plan co-ordination for students in Year P-6, in conjunction with HOI</li> <li>• Build teacher capacity in feedback for learning (including formative feedback, bump it up walls, learning walls)</li> <li>• Support teachers to enhance pedagogical delivery in classrooms</li> <li>• Leading the teaching of reading – literacy blocks, implementation of the reading framework, co-ordinating the Ready Readers and home reading programs, data walls, reading goals, literacy continuum, Early Start.</li> </ul>
<p>Deputy Principal (Special) - Head of Inclusion</p>	<p><b>CURRICULUM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with Heads of Curriculum to provide curriculum leadership and management in curriculum development, implementation, assessment and reporting from Prep to Grade 12.</li> <li>• Oversee the implementation of students on Highly Individualised Curriculum (HIC) across the college.</li> <li>• Oversee the implementation of QCIA for students in Senior Secondary.</li> <li>• Collaborate with Heads of Curriculum in Primary and Secondary to ensure consistency of message around the whole college approach to differentiation and implementation of Individual Curriculum Plans (ICP's).</li> </ul> <p><b>HEALTH &amp; WELL BEING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with State Schools' nurse to ensure all Individual Health Plans/Emergency Health Plans are reviewed and updated</li> <li>• Liaise with State Schools' nurse to provide professional development in health procedures and medical conditions of students enrolled at Roma State College or in the Maranoa Cluster</li> </ul> <p><b>DISABILITY-SPECIFIC SUPPORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend all Student Support Services (SSS) meetings across the college.</li> <li>• Facilitate the enrolment of 0-5 yr old students with a disability into the Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP).</li> <li>• Liaise with Guidance Officers in Primary and Secondary to facilitate student support, verifications and reviews.</li> <li>• Facilitate the involvement of the Department of Education therapy team (Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech-Language therapist) with eligible students from ECDP to Grade 12.</li> <li>• Liaise with DoE therapists to provide ongoing support to staff, including professional development.</li> <li>• Liaise with NDIS providers to ensure students with disabilities have equitable access to therapy supports at school if required.</li> </ul> <p><b>BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage student behaviour of students in the SEP in conjunction with HOC, HOD-JS.</li> </ul> <p>Close monitoring of students in the SEP with a high frequency of behaviour incidents.</p>
<p>School-Based Youth Health Nurse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides individual health consultations with assessment, support, health information and referral options related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ healthy eating and exercise</li> <li>○ relationships</li> <li>○ personal and family problems</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ feeling sad, worried and angry</li> <li>○ sexual health</li> <li>○ smoking, alcohol and other drugs.</li> </ul>
Department of Education - Registered Nurse *Ursula*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• works with school staff to build their competence and confidence to safely manage procedures and interventions required by students with specialised health needs</li> <li>• provides assessment, health management planning, training and ongoing support and supervision for students with specialised health needs.</li> </ul>
Secondary - Year Level Coordinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responsible for student welfare at each year level, by developing rapport with all students – someone they can feel confident in coming to if they have a concern, issue or query</li> <li>• provides continuity of contact by developing connections with parents of students in the year level</li> <li>• ensures students feel safe and comfortable and want to come to school</li> <li>• nurtures a sense of belonging to the home group, year level and school.</li> <li>• works closely with year level HOD to assist in the management of behaviour management students</li> </ul>
Youth Support Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provides individual and, at times, group support to students to assist their engagement with education and training</li> <li>• support students to overcome barriers to education such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ attendance at school</li> <li>○ drug and alcohol support needs</li> <li>○ QCE/learning support</li> <li>○ suspension/exclusion/referral for behaviour support</li> <li>○ relationships/social skills</li> <li>○ conflict with family/peers/teachers</li> <li>○ social/emotional/physical wellbeing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
School Chaplain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of a School Chaplain is to "provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students, parents and/or staff within a school community". The Chaplain's role reflects the specific needs of the school and is consultative in its approach.</li> </ul>

It is also important for students and parents to understand there are regional and statewide support services also available to supplement the school network. These include Principal Advisor Student Protection, Mental Health Coach, Autism Coach, Inclusion Coach, Advisory Visiting Teachers and Senior Guidance Officers. For more information about these services and their roles, please speak with the Head of Campus.

## Whole School Approach to Discipline

Roma State College uses Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) as the multi-tiered system of support for discipline in the school. This is a whole-school approach, used in all classrooms and programs offered through the school, including sporting activities and excursions.

PBL is an evidence-based framework used to:

- analyse and improve student behaviour and learning outcomes
- ensure that only evidence-based practices are used correctly by teachers to support students
- continually support staff members to maintain consistent school and classroom improvement practices.

At Roma State College we believe discipline is about more than punishment. It is a word that reflects our belief that student behaviour is a part of the overall teaching and learning approach in our school. Our staff take responsibility for making their expectations clear, for providing supportive instruction about how to meet these expectations and strive to use behavioural incidents as opportunities to re-teach.

The development of the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct is an opportunity to explain the PBL framework with parents and students, and gain their support to implement a consistent approach to teaching behaviour. The language and expectations of PBL can be used in any environment, including the home setting for students. Doing everything we can do to set students up for success is a shared goal of every parent and school staff member.


Any students or parents who have questions or would like to discuss the Student Code of Conduct or PBL are encouraged to speak with the class teacher or make an appointment to meet with the principal.

## PBL Expectations

Our staff are committed to delivering a high quality of education for every student, and believe all adults in the school, whether visiting or working, should meet the same four Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations: Be Safe, Be Res[ectful, Be Responsible, and Be Committed to Learning.

### Students

Below are examples of what these PBL expectations look like for students across the school. In addition, each classroom will have their own set of examples to help students and visitors understand the expectations and meet the standards we hold for everyone at Roma State College.



### Junior Campus Schoolwide Learning Expectations for Students

		ALL SCHOOL ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES	CLASSROOM	PLAYGROUND AND UNDERCOVER AREAS	PATHWAYS	TOILETS	BUS AREA/BIKE RACKS	TRANSITIONS TO AND FROM SCHOOL
BE COMMITTED TO LEARNING	BE RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I use polite language</li> <li>* I follow instructions straight away</li> <li>* I offer assistance to others</li> <li>* I respect others' personal space and property</li> <li>* I am co-operative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I am an active listener</li> <li>* I wait my turn to talk</li> <li>* I raise my hand and wait to be invited to speak</li> <li>* I remove my hat indoors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I play fairly - taking turns, inviting others to join in</li> <li>* I am a good friend</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I speak quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I respect the privacy of others</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I demonstrate appropriate behaviour outside the school</li> <li>* I represent the school positively</li> </ul>
	BE RESPONSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I am in the right place at the right time</li> <li>* I follow the 4 Bes and the 5Ls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I am prepared and complete my schoolwork</li> <li>* I am an active learner</li> <li>* I keep work spaces tidy</li> <li>* I set myself goals and strive to achieve them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I return equipment to the appropriate place</li> <li>* I put litter in the bin</li> <li>* I do the High 5</li> <li>* I care for the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I line up quietly outside the classroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I use toilets during breaks</li> <li>* I keep the area clean</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I move around the school appropriately</li> </ul>
	BE SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I clean up after myself</li> <li>* I keep my hands, feet and other objects to myself</li> <li>* I treat others so they feel safe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I walk in the classroom</li> <li>* I ask permission to leave the classroom</li> <li>* I am alert for bells/sirens/safety signals</li> <li>* I keep my chair flat on the floor</li> <li>* I am only in the classroom when a teacher is present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I wear shoes and socks at all times</li> <li>* I eat only my own food</li> <li>* I am sun safe</li> <li>* I use equipment safely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I carry items safely</li> <li>* I keep passage ways clear at all times</li> <li>* I follow the stair rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I wash my hands</li> <li>* I walk on the concrete</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I wait until the bus has stopped and the doors open</li> <li>* I wait my turn</li> <li>* I wait patiently in the bus line</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* I am safe before school</li> <li>* I am safe at school and during the holidays</li> </ul>

## Middle Campus

		Transition to and from school / Between Campus Activities	Bus Area / Bike Racks	Toilets	Pathways	Playground and Undercover Areas	Classroom	All School Associated Activities
Be Committed to Learning	Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I represent my school positively</li> <li>I use polite language</li> <li>I respect other people's property as I move past</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I only use my own bike / scooter / transport</li> <li>I walk my bike / scooter/ transport in school grounds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I respect the privacy of others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I keep to the left</li> <li>I walk quietly in two straight lines</li> <li>I use designated entries / exits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I play fairly – taking turns, inviting others to join in and follow rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am an active listener</li> <li>I enter and exit rooms in an orderly manner</li> <li>I talk when it is my turn</li> <li>I respect others right to learn</li> <li>I raise my hand and wait to be invited to speak</li> <li>I am honest</li> <li>I remove my hat indoors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I use polite language</li> <li>I follow instructions straight away</li> <li>I wear my College uniform correctly</li> <li>I offer assistance to others</li> <li>I greet others appropriately</li> <li>I respect others' personal space and property</li> <li>I am tolerant</li> <li>I am co-operative</li> </ul>
	Be Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I move quietly so that others are not disturbed</li> <li>I leave school promptly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I lock my bike / scooter / transport in the bike cage</li> <li>I keep my belongings with me</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I use toilets during breaks</li> <li>I keep the area clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I line up quietly outside the classroom using the S L's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I use the High 5 to solve my problems</li> <li>I return equipment to the appropriate place</li> <li>I put litter in the bin</li> <li>I participate in school approved games</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am prepared and complete set tasks</li> <li>I am an active learner</li> <li>I keep work spaces tidy</li> <li>I set myself goals and strive to achieve them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am in the right place at the right time</li> <li>I bring personal items to school at my own risk</li> <li>I hand in my electronic device / phone to the office before school</li> <li>I report damage or problems to adults</li> </ul>
	Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I follow all traffic rules (e.g. looking both ways before crossing)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I wear protective equipment</li> <li>I wait in my bus area until the bus has stopped and the door is opened</li> <li>I leave a clear walkway in bus areas</li> <li>I allow exiting passengers to move off the bus first.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I wash my hands afterwards</li> <li>I report any hazards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I carry items safely</li> <li>I keep paths clear so others are safe</li> <li>I move in a calm manner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I walk on concrete</li> <li>I wear shoes and socks at all times</li> <li>I stay in the right area</li> <li>I only eat my own food</li> <li>I am sun safe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I walk in the classroom</li> <li>I ask for permission to leave the classroom</li> <li>I am alert for bells / sirens / safety signals</li> <li>I keep my chair flat on the floor</li> <li>I am only in the classroom when a teacher is present</li> <li>I use school e-mails safely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I clean up after myself</li> <li>I keep myself clean and healthy</li> <li>I care for equipment and use it appropriately</li> <li>I keep my hands, feet and other objects to myself</li> <li>I treat others so they feel safe</li> </ul>

## Senior Campus

		ALL SCHOOL ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES (on/off site)	CLASSROOM	PLAYGROUND and UNDERCOVER AREAS	PATHWAYS	TOILETS	BUS AREA/SBIKE RACKS	TRANSITION TO & FROM SCHOOL / BETWEEN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES
BE COMMITTED TO LEARNING	BE RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I use polite language</li> <li>I follow instructions straight away</li> <li>I wear my College uniform correctly</li> <li>I offer assistance to others</li> <li>I greet others appropriately</li> <li>I respect others' personal space and property</li> <li>I am tolerant</li> <li>I am co-operative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am an active listener &amp; engaged learner</li> <li>I enter and exit rooms in an orderly manner</li> <li>I talk when it is my turn</li> <li>I respect others' right to learn</li> <li>I encourage &amp; am kind to others</li> <li>I am compliant</li> <li>I raise my hand and wait to be invited to speak</li> <li>I am honest</li> <li>I remove my hat indoors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I play fairly – taking turns, inviting others to join in and following rules</li> <li>I respect College facilities and grounds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I keep to the left</li> <li>I walk quietly so that others are not disturbed</li> <li>I use designated entries/exits</li> <li>I speak quietly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I respect the privacy of others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I use my own bike/scooter/transport only</li> <li>I walk my bike, scooter, transport in the school grounds, and on the pedestrian crossings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I represent my school positively by demonstrating appropriate behaviour at all times, whilst in school uniform</li> </ul>
	BE RESPONSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am in the right place at the right time</li> <li>I bring personal items to school at my own risk</li> <li>I follow the school's Appropriate Use of Technology and IT policies, using equipment appropriately</li> <li>I attend school every day, knowing 'Everyday Counts'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am prepared and complete set tasks, including assessment</li> <li>I am an active learner</li> <li>I keep work spaces tidy</li> <li>I set myself goals and strive to achieve them</li> <li>I am on time to class</li> <li>I bring my non-negotiables to each class</li> <li>I follow the school's Appropriate Use of Technology and IT policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am a problem solver</li> <li>I return equipment to the appropriate place</li> <li>I put litter in the bin, even if it is not mine</li> <li>I participate in school approved games</li> <li>I care for the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I line up quietly outside the classroom by 2<sup>nd</sup> bell</li> <li>I use the lift only with permission from Head of Campus</li> <li>I report damage or problems to adults</li> <li>I transition quietly and use appropriate language when transitioning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I use toilets during breaks</li> <li>I keep the area clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I secure my bike in the cage/rack</li> <li>I check in with the bus duty teacher</li> <li>I leave school promptly</li> <li>I keep my belongings with me and leave all areas clean and tidy</li> <li>I speak kindly to bus drivers and other passengers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I move sensibly</li> <li>I move quietly so that others are not disturbed</li> </ul>
	BE SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I clean up after myself</li> <li>I keep myself clean and healthy</li> <li>I care for equipment and use it appropriately</li> <li>I keep my hands, feet and other objects to myself</li> <li>I treat others so they feel safe</li> <li>I use social networking media safely and appropriately</li> <li>I follow the expectations of R S C and the laws of society</li> <li>I follow the school emergency procedures promptly (lockdown and evacuation)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I walk in the classroom</li> <li>I ask for permission to leave the classroom</li> <li>I am alert for bells/sirens/safety signals</li> <li>I keep my chair flat on the floor</li> <li>I am only in the classroom when a teacher is present</li> <li>I use equipment safely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I wear school uniform correctly, following the required WH&amp;S guidelines</li> <li>I stay in the designated area</li> <li>I eat only my own food</li> <li>I am sun safe</li> <li>I report playground incidents to the teacher on duty</li> <li>I use equipment as intended</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I carry items safely</li> <li>I keep passage ways clear at all times</li> <li>I move in an orderly manner</li> <li>I move up and down stairs safely - one stair at a time, keeping left and using rails for support</li> <li>I am patient, in high volume traffic areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I wash my hands</li> <li>I move in and out of the toilet blocks promptly and carefully</li> <li>I report maintenance issues</li> <li>I use the facility appropriately and hygienically</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I wear protective equipment</li> <li>I am patient, and wait my turn when required</li> <li>I wait in the bus area until the bus has stopped and the door is opened</li> <li>I leave a clear walkway in bus areas</li> <li>I allow exiting passengers to move off the bus first</li> <li>I adhere to the road rules and Department of Transport bus procedures &amp; expectations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I follow the traffic rules</li> <li>I follow campus pedestrian rules for movement between campuses</li> <li>I drive safely to and from school, and follow school driving expectations and road safety laws</li> </ul>





## Parents and staff

The table below explains the PBL expectations for parents when visiting our school and the standards we commit to as staff.

### Respectful

<i><b>What we expect to see from you</b></i>	<i><b>What you can expect from us</b></i>
You make an appointment to speak with the class teacher, year level co-ordinator or Head of Campus/ Principal to discuss any matters relating to your child.	We will respond as soon as practicable to your request for an appointment and negotiate a mutually agreeable date and time with you.
You are respectful in your conversations at home about school staff.	We will ensure positive behaviours are role modelled for all students.
You leave and collect your child from the designated area at school.	We will give clear guidance about a designated area for parents to leave and collect students.
You take a positive, solution-focused approach to resolving complaints.	We will nominate a contact person for you to work with to resolve a school related complaint.
You respect school, student and staff privacy in your online communications.	We will act quickly to address social media issues that affect staff, students or families.

### Responsible

<i><b>What we expect to see from you</b></i>	<i><b>What you can expect from us</b></i>
You respect the obligation of staff to maintain student and family privacy.	We will maintain confidentiality about information relating to your child and family.
You ensure your children attend school every day and notify the school promptly of any absences or changes in contact details.	We will create a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for every student.
You recognise people are different and will be non-judgemental, fair and equitable to others in the school community.	We will welcome and celebrate a diverse school community with recognition of significant social, cultural and historical events.
You share relevant information about your child's learning, social and behavioural needs with school staff.	We will share relevant information with you about your child's learning, social and behavioural progress at school.

### Be Committed to Learning

<i><b>What we expect to see from you</b></i>	<i><b>What you can expect from us</b></i>
You support your child to meet the learning and behavioural expectations at school.	We are clear about our learning and behavioural expectations, and contact you to provide regular

	feedback about your child's progress.
You stay informed about school news and activities by reading the school newsletter and other materials sent home by school staff.	We will use the electronic school newsletter as the primary means of notifying parents about school news, excursions or events.
You approach the class teacher or principal if you are concerned about the behaviour of a staff member, another student or parent.	We will work with every family to quickly address any complaints or concerns about the behaviour of staff, students or other parents.
You seek out opportunities to provide positive feedback to the classroom teacher about their work with the class, a student or colleagues.	We will work closely with families to accommodate their personal needs, including work commitments, finances and family structure.

## Safe

<b><i>What we expect to see from you</i></b>	<b><i>What you can expect from us</i></b>
You help your child to see the strengths and benefits in diversity and difference in their classmates.	We will promote every child's individuality and build a cohesive, inclusive classroom and school culture.
You notice when others need help, parents, staff and students, and ask if there is anything you do to assist.	We will check in with you about your child's needs or any support your family may require.

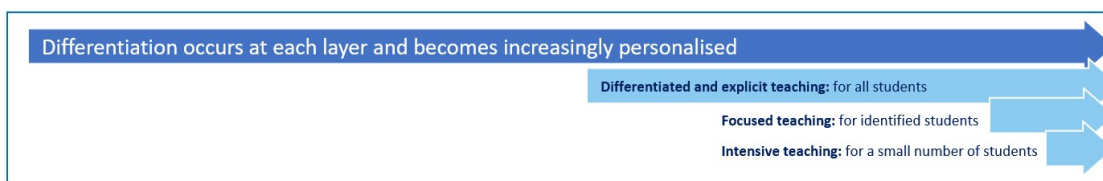
## Differentiated and Explicit Teaching

Roma State College is a disciplined school environment that provides differentiated teaching to respond to the learning needs of all students. This involves teaching expected behaviours and providing opportunities for students to practise these behaviours. Teachers reinforce expected behaviours, provide feedback and correction, and opportunities for practise.

Teachers at Roma State College vary what students are taught, how they are taught and how students can demonstrate what they know as part of this differentiated approach to behaviour. These decisions about differentiation are made in response to data and day-to-day monitoring that indicates the behavioural learning needs of students. This enables our teachers to

purposefully plan a variety of ways to engage students; assist them to achieve the expected learning; and to demonstrate their learning.

There are three main layers to differentiation, as illustrated in the diagram below. This model is the same used for academic and pedagogical differentiation.



These three layers map directly to the tiered approach discussed earlier in the Learning and Behaviour section. For example, in the PBL framework, Tier 1 is differentiated and explicit teaching for all students, Tier 2 is focussed teaching for identified students and Tier 3 is intensive teaching for a small number of students. Each layer provides progressively more personalised supports for students.

Every classroom in our school uses the PBL Expectations Matrix, illustrated below, as a basis for developing their behaviour standards. Using this matrix, the class teacher works with all students to explain exactly what each of the expectations look, sound and feel like in their classroom. The completed matrix is on display in every classroom, used as the basis of teaching expectations throughout the year and revisited regularly to address any new or emerging issues.

## Focused Teaching

Approximately 15% of all students in any school or classroom may require additional support to meet behaviour expectations, even after being provided with differentiated and explicit teaching. These students may have difficulty meeting behavioural expectations in a particular period of the day or as part of a learning area/subject, and focused teaching is provided to help them achieve success.

Focused teaching involves revisiting key behavioural concepts and/or skills and using explicit and structured teaching strategies in particular aspects of a behaviour skill. Focused teaching provides students with more opportunities to practise skills and multiple opportunities to achieve the intended learning and expected behaviour.

Support staff, including teachers with specialist expertise in learning, language or development, work collaboratively with class teachers at Roma State College to provide focused teaching. Focused teaching is aligned to the PBL Expectations Matrix, and student progress is monitored by the classroom teacher/s to identify those who:

- no longer require the additional support
- require ongoing focussed teaching
- require intensive teaching.

Roma State College has a range of Student Support Network staff in place to help arrange and deliver focused teaching to students who need more support to meet expectations. In addition, the school invests in the following evidence-informed programs to address specific skill development for some students:

- Functional Based Assessments
- Levelled Language Intervention (LLI)
- THRASS
- STRIVE
- Speech Language Pathologist support

For more information about these programs, please speak with the Head of Campus.

## Intensive Teaching

Research evidence shows that even in an effective, well-functioning school there will always be approximately 5% of the student population who require intensive teaching to achieve behavioural expectations. Intensive teaching involves frequent and explicit instruction, with individuals or in small groups, to develop mastery of basic behavioural concepts, skills and knowledge.

Some students may require intensive teaching for a short period, for particular behaviour skills. Other students may require intensive teaching for a more prolonged period. Decisions about the approach will be made based on data collected from their teacher or teachers, and following consultation with the student's family.

For a small number of students who continue to display behaviours that are deemed complex and challenging, then individualised, function-based behaviour assessment and support plans and multi-agency collaboration may be provided to support the student. This approach will seek to address the acute impact of barriers to learning and participation faced by students who are negotiating a number of complex personal issues.

Students who require intensive teaching will be assigned a case manager at the school that will oversee the coordination of their program, communicate with stakeholders and directly consult with the student.

# Legislative Delegations

## Legislation

In this section of the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct are links to legislation which influences form and content of Queensland state school discipline procedures.

- [Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 \(Qld\)](#)
- [Child Protection Act 1999 \(Qld\)](#)
- [Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#)
- [Commonwealth Disability Standards for Education 2005](#)
- [Criminal Code Act 1899 \(Qld\)](#)
- [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006](#)
- [Education \(General Provisions\) Regulation 2017](#)
- [Human Rights Act 2019 \(Qld\)](#)
- [Information Privacy Act 2009 \(Qld\)](#)
- [Judicial Review Act 1991 \(Qld\)](#)
- [Right to Information Act 2009 \(Qld\)](#)
- [Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 \(Qld\)](#)
- [Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011 \(Qld\)](#)
- [Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2011 \(Cwth\)](#)

## Delegations

Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, state school principals are responsible for “controlling and regulating student discipline in the school”.

Principals are afforded a number of **non-delegable powers** to assist them to meet this obligation, including the authority to suspend, exclude or cancel the enrolment of a student at the school. These decision-making responsibilities cannot be delegated to other staff in the school, such as deputy principals.

The details of these responsibilities are outlined in the legislative instruments of delegation and instruments of authorisation provided below:

- [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006 Director-General's delegations](#)
- [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006 Minister's delegations](#)
- [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006 Director-General's authorisations](#)
- [Education \(General Provisions\) Regulation 2006 Minister's delegations](#)
- [Education \(General Provisions\) Regulation 2017 Director-General's delegations](#)

## Disciplinary Consequences

The disciplinary consequences model used at Roma State College follows the same differentiated approach used in the proactive teaching and support of student behavioural expectations.

The majority of students will be confident and capable of meeting established expectations that are clear, explicitly taught and practised. In-class corrective feedback, sanctions and rule reminders may be used by teachers to respond to low-level or minor problem behaviours.

Some students will need additional support, time and opportunities to practise expected behaviours. Approximately 15% of the student population may experience difficulty with meeting the stated expectations, and even with focussed teaching, in-class corrective feedback, sanctions and rule reminders continue to display low-level problem behaviour. A continued pattern of low-level behaviour can interfere with teaching and learning for the whole class, and a decision may be needed by the class teacher to refer the student to the school administration team immediately for determination of a disciplinary consequence.

For a small number of students, approximately 2-5%, a high level of differentiated support or intensive teaching is required to enable them to meet the behavioural expectations. This may be needed throughout the school year on a continuous basis. The determination of the need will be made by the principal in consultation with staff and other relevant stakeholders. On occasion the behaviour of a student may be so serious, such as causing harm to other students or to staff, that the principal may determine that an out of school suspension or exclusion is necessary as a consequence for the student's behaviour. Usually this course of action is only taken when the behaviour is either so serious as to warrant immediate removal of the student for the safety of others, and no other alternative discipline strategy is considered sufficient to deal with the problem behaviour.

The differentiated responses to problem behaviour can be organised into three tiers, with increasing intensity of support and consequences to address behaviour that endangers others or causes major, ongoing interference with class or school operations.

### Differentiated

Class teacher provides in-class or in-school disciplinary responses to low-level or minor problem behaviour. This may include:

- Pre-correction (e.g. "Remember, walk quietly to your seat")
- Non-verbal and visual cues (e.g. posters, hand gestures)
- Whole class practising of routines
- Ratio of 5 positive to 1 negative commentary or feedback to class
- Corrective feedback (e.g. "Hand up when you want to ask a question")
- Rule reminders (e.g. "When the bell goes, stay seated until I dismiss you")
- Explicit behavioural instructions (e.g. "Pick up your pencil")

- Proximity control
- Tactical ignoring of inappropriate behaviour (not student)
- Revised seating plan and relocation of student/s
- Individual positive reinforcement for appropriate behaviour
- Classwide incentives
- Reminders of incentives or class goals
- Redirection
- Low voice and tone for individual instructions
- Give 30 second 'take-up' time for student/s to process instruction/s
- Reduce verbal language
- Break down tasks into smaller chunks
- Provide positive choice of task order (e.g. "Which one do you want to start with?")
- Prompt student to take a break or time away in class
- Model appropriate language, problem solving and verbalise thinking process (e.g. "I'm not sure what is the next step, who can help me?")
- Provide demonstration of expected behaviour
- Peer consequence (e.g. corrective feedback to influential peer demonstrating same problem behaviour)
- Private discussion with student about expected behaviour
- Reprimand for inappropriate behaviour
- Warning of more serious consequences (e.g. removal from classroom)
- Detention (break time or after school)
- Buddy Class referral
- Rethink Room referral

## Focused

Class teacher is supported by other school-based staff to address in-class problem behaviour. This may include:

- Functional Behaviour Assessment
- Individual student behaviour support strategies (e.g. Student behaviour plan)
- Targeted skills teaching in small group
- Token economy (Gotchas/Rippers/Community Tokens)
- Detention
- Behavioural contract
- Counselling and guidance support
- Self-monitoring plan
- Check in Check Out strategy
- Teacher coaching and debriefing
- Referral to school-based Student Support Services (SSS) for team based problem solving
- Stakeholder meeting with parents and external agencies

## Intensive

School leadership team work in consultation with Student Support Services to address persistent or ongoing serious problem behaviour. This may include:

- Functional Behaviour Assessment based individual support plan

- Complex case management and review
- Stakeholder meeting with parents and external agencies including regional specialists
- Temporary removal of student property (e.g. mobile phone)
- Short term suspension (up to 10 school days)
- Long term suspension (up to 20 school days)
- Charge related suspension (student has been charged with a serious criminal offence is suspended from school until the charge has been dealt with by the relevant justice authorities)
- Suspension pending exclusion (student is suspended from school pending a decision by the Director-General or delegate (Principal) about their exclusion from school)
- Exclusion (student is excluded from a particular state school site, a group of state schools or all state schools in Queensland for a defined period of time or permanently)
- Cancellation of enrolment for students older than compulsory school age who refuse to participate in the educational program provided at the school.

## School Disciplinary Absences

A School Disciplinary Absence (SDA) is an enforced period of absence from attending a Queensland state school, applied by the Principal as a consequence to address poor student behaviour. There are four types of SDA:

- Short suspension (1 to 10 school days)
- Long suspension (11 to 20 school days)
- Charge-related suspension
- Exclusion (period of not more than one year or permanently).

At Roma State College, the use of any SDA is considered a very serious decision. It is typically only used by the Principal when other options have been exhausted or the student's behaviour is so dangerous that continued attendance at the school is considered a risk to the safety or wellbeing of the school community.

Parents and students may appeal a long suspension, charge-related suspension or exclusion decision. A review will be conducted by the Director-General or their delegate, and a decision made within 40 school days to confirm, amend/vary or set aside the original SDA decision by the Principal.

The appeal process is a thorough review of all documentation associated with the SDA decision and provides an opportunity for both the school and the family to present their case in the matter. Time is afforded for collection, dissemination and response to the materials by both the school and the family. It is important that the purpose of the appeal is understood so that expectations are clear, and appropriate supports are in place to ensure students can continue to access their education while completing their SDA.

### **Re-entry following suspension**

Students who are suspended from Roma State College are invited to attend a re-entry meeting on the day of their scheduled return to school. The main purpose of this meeting is to welcome the student, with their parent/s, back



to the school. It is **not a time** to review the student's behaviour or the decision to suspend, the student has already received a punishment through their disciplinary absence from school. The aim of the re-entry meeting is for school staff to set the student up for future success and strengthen home-school communication.

It is not mandatory for the student or their parents to attend a re-entry meeting. It may be offered as a support for the student to assist in their successful re-engagement in school following suspension.

### **Arrangements**

The invitation to attend the re-entry meeting will be communicated via either telephone or in writing, usually via email. Re-entry meetings are short, taking less than 10 minutes, and kept small with only the Principal or their delegate attending with the student and their parent/s.

A record of the meeting is saved in OneSchool, under the Contact tab, including any notes or discussions occurring during the meeting.

### **Structure**

The structure of the re-entry meeting should follow a set agenda, shared in advance with the student and their family. If additional items are raised for discussion, a separate arrangement should be made to meet with the parent/s at a later date and time. This meeting should be narrowly focussed on making the student and their family feel welcome back into the school community.

Possible agenda:

- Welcome back to school
- Check in on student wellbeing
- Discuss any recent changes to school routine or staffing
- Offer information about supports available (e.g. Guidance Officer)
- Set a date for follow-up
- Thank student and parent/s for attending
- Walk with student to classroom

### **Reasonable adjustments**

In planning the re-entry meeting, school staff will consider reasonable adjustments needed to support the attendance and engagement of the student. This includes selecting an appropriate and accessible meeting space, organising translation or interpretation services or supports (e.g. AUSLAN), provision of written and/or pictorial information and other relevant accommodations. The inclusion of support staff, such as Guidance Officers, may also offer important advice to ensure a successful outcome to the re-entry meeting.

## School Policies

Roma State College has tailored school discipline policies designed to ensure students, staff and visitors work cooperatively to create and maintain a supportive and safe learning environment. Please ensure that you familiarise yourself with the responsibilities for students, staff and visitors outlined in the following policies:

- Temporary removal of student property
- Use of mobile phones and other devices by students
- Preventing and responding to bullying
- Appropriate use of social media

### Temporary removal of student property

The removal of any property in a student's possession may be necessary to promote the caring, safe and supportive learning environment of the school, to maintain and foster mutual respect between all state school staff and students. The **Temporary removal of student property by school staff procedure** outlines the processes, conditions and responsibilities for state school principals and school staff when temporarily removing student property.

In determining what constitutes a reasonable time to retain student property, the principal or state school staff will consider:

- the condition, nature or value of the property
- the circumstances in which the property was removed
- the safety of the student from whom the property was removed, other students or staff members
- good management, administration and control of the school.

The Principal or state school staff determine when the temporarily removed student property can be returned, unless the property has been handed to the Queensland Police Service.

The following items are explicitly prohibited at Roma State College and will be removed if found in a student's possession, including but not limited to;

- illegal items or weapons (e.g. guns, knives\*, throwing stars, brass knuckles, chains)
- imitation guns or weapons
- potentially dangerous items (e.g. blades, rope)
- drugs\*\* (including tobacco)
- alcohol
- aerosol deodorants or cans (including spray paint)
- explosives (e.g. fireworks, flares, sparklers)
- flammable solids or liquids (e.g. fire starters, mothballs, lighters)
- poisons (e.g. weed killer, insecticides)
- inappropriate or offensive material (e.g. racist literature, pornography, extremist propaganda).

\* No knives of any type are allowed at school, including flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives, butter knives, fruit knives or craft knives, or any item that can be used as a weapon, for example a chisel. Knives needed for school activities will be provided by the school, and the use of them will be supervised by school staff. In circumstances where students are required to have their own knives or sharp tools for particular subjects or vocational courses, the school will provide information about the procedures for carrying and storing these items at school.

\*\* The administration of medications to students by school staff is only considered when a prescribing health practitioner has determined that it is necessary or when there is no other alternative in relation to the treatment of a specific health need. Schools require medical authorisation to administer any medication to students (**including over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol or alternative medicines**).

## Responsibilities

### State school staff at Roma State College:

- do not require the student's consent to search school property such as lockers, desks or laptops that are supplied to the student through the school;
- may seize a student's bag where there is suspicion that the student has a dangerous item (for example, a knife) in their school bag, prior to seeking consent to search from a parent or calling the police;
- consent from the student or parent is required to examine or otherwise deal with the temporarily removed student property. For example, staff who temporarily remove a mobile phone from a student are not authorised to unlock the phone or to read, copy or delete messages stored on the phone;
- there may, however, be emergency circumstances where it is necessary to search a student's property without the student's consent or the consent of the student's parents (e.g. to access an EpiPen for an anaphylactic emergency);
- consent from the student or parent is required to search the person of a student (e.g. pockets or shoes). If consent is not provided and a search is considered necessary, the police and the student's parents should be called to make such a determination.

### Parents of students at Roma State College

- ensure your children do not bring property onto schools grounds or other settings used by the school (e.g. camp, sporting venues) that:
  - is prohibited according to the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct
  - is illegal
  - puts the safety or wellbeing of others at risk
  - does not preserve a caring, safe, supportive or productive learning environment
  - does not maintain and foster mutual respect;
- collect temporarily removed student property as soon as possible after they have been notified by the Principal or state school staff that the property is available for collection.

### **Students of Roma State College**

- do not bring property onto school grounds or other settings used by the school (e.g. camp, sporting venues) that:
  - is prohibited according to the Roma State College Code of Conduct
  - is illegal
  - puts the safety or wellbeing of others at risk
  - does not preserve a caring, safe, supportive or productive learning environment
  - does not maintain and foster mutual respect;
- collect their property as soon as possible when advised by the Principal or state school staff it is available for collection.

## **Use of mobile phones and other devices by students**

Digital literacy refers to the skills needed to live, learn and work in a society where communication and access to information is dominated by digital technologies like mobile phones. However, the benefits brought about through these diverse technologies can be easily overshadowed by deliberate misuse which harms others or disrupts learning.

In consultation with the broader school community, Roma State College has determined that explicit teaching of responsible use of mobile phones and other devices is a critical component of digital literacy. The knowledge and confidence to navigate and use these technologies safely while developing digital literacy is a responsibility shared between parents, school staff and students.

Students in Primary (Prep – Year 6) are not permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.

Students in Year 7-10, must hand their mobile phone into the Senior Campus office upon arrival at school. The device will be securely stored until 3pm.

Students in Year 11-12, are permitted to have their mobile phone devices at school, but these must be placed into the ohone box/ pouch at the start of each lesson.

### **Responsibilities**

The responsibilities for students using mobile phones or other devices at school or during school activities, are outlined below.

It is **acceptable** for students at Roma State College to:

- use mobile phones or other devices for assigned class work and assignments set by teachers
  - developing appropriate literacy, communication and information skills
  - authoring text, artwork, audio and visual material for publication on the intranet or internet for educational purposes as supervised and approved by the school
  - conducting general research for school activities and projects
  - communicating or collaborating with other students, teachers, parents or experts in relation to school work

- accessing online references such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc.
- researching and learning through the department's eLearning environment
- be courteous, considerate and respectful of others when using a mobile device
- seek teacher's approval where they wish to use a mobile device under special circumstances.

It is **unacceptable** for students at Roma State College to:

- use a mobile phone or other devices in an unlawful manner or when in breach of the Roma State College Personal Technology Devices policy
- use a mobile phone in technology-free designated spaces or times
- download, distribute or publish offensive messages or pictures
- use obscene, inflammatory, racist, discriminatory or derogatory language
- use language and/or threats of violence that may amount to bullying and/or harassment, or even stalking
- insult, harass or attack others or use obscene or abusive language
- deliberately waste printing and internet resources
- damage computers, printers or network equipment
- commit plagiarism or violate copyright laws
- ignore teacher directions for the use of social media, online email and internet chat
- send chain letters or spam email (junk mail)
- knowingly download viruses or any other programs capable of breaching the department's network security
- use in-phone cameras anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets
- invade someone's privacy by recording personal conversations or daily activities and/or the further distribution (e.g. forwarding, texting, uploading, Bluetooth use etc.) of such material
- use a mobile phone (including those with Bluetooth functionality) to cheat during exams or assessments
- take into or use mobile devices at exams or during class assessment unless expressly permitted by school staff.

At all times students, while using ICT facilities and devices supplied by the school, will be required to act in line with the requirements of the Roma State College Student Code of Conduct. In addition students and their parents should:

- understand the responsibility and behaviour requirements (as outlined by the school) that come with accessing the department's ICT network facilities
- ensure they have the skills to report and discontinue access to harmful information if presented via the internet or email
- be aware that:
  - access to ICT facilities and devices provides valuable learning experiences for students and supports the school's teaching and learning programs

- the school is not responsible for safeguarding information stored by students on departmentally-owned student computers or mobile devices
- schools may remotely access departmentally-owned student computers or mobile devices for management purposes
- students who use a school's ICT facilities and devices in a manner that is not appropriate may be subject to disciplinary action by the school, which could include restricting network access
- despite internal departmental controls to manage content on the internet, illegal, dangerous or offensive information may be accessed or accidentally displayed
- teachers will always exercise their duty of care, but avoiding or reducing access to harmful information also requires responsible use by the student.

## Preventing and responding to bullying

Roma State College uses the [Australian Student Wellbeing Framework](#) to promote positive relationships and the wellbeing of all students, staff and visitors at the school.

Our staff know student learning is optimised when they feel connected to others and experience safe and trusting relationships. Students who feel secure are more likely to be active participants in their learning and to achieve better physical, emotional, social and educational outcomes. Teachers who feel valued and supported are more likely to engage positively with students and build stronger connections within the school community. Parents who are positively engaged with their child's education leads to improved student self-esteem, attendance and behaviour at school. Enhancing the wellbeing of students and their educators delivers overall long-term social, health and economic benefits to the Australian community.

Roma State College has student Peer Skills Mentors, with diverse representatives from each year level meeting regularly with the school leadership team to promote strategies to improve student wellbeing, safety and learning outcomes. The standing items on the agenda for each Peer Mentor Forum are the core elements of the Australian Student Wellbeing Framework:



### 1. Leadership

Principals and school leaders playing an active role in building a positive learning environment where the whole school community feels included, connected, safe and respected.

### 2. Inclusion

All members of the school community actively participating in building a welcoming school culture that values diversity, and fosters positive, respectful relationships.

### 3. Student voice

Students actively participate in their own learning and wellbeing, feel connected and use their social and emotional skills to be respectful, resilient and safe.

### 4. Partnerships

Families and communities collaborating as partners with the school to support student learning, safety and wellbeing.

### 5. Support

School staff, students and families sharing and cultivating an understanding of wellbeing and positive behaviour and how this supports effective teaching and learning.

A priority for the Peer Skills mentors is contributing to the implementation of strategies that enhance wellbeing, promote safety and counter violence, bullying and abuse in all online and physical spaces. The engagement of young people in the design of technology information and digital education programs for parents was a key recommendation from the [Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce report](#) in 2018, and at Roma State College we believe students should be at the forefront of advising staff, parents and the broader community about emerging issues and practical solutions suitable to different contexts.

## Bullying

The agreed national definition for Australian schools describes bullying as

- ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm;
- involving an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening;
- happening in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records);
- having immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts are still considered serious and need to be addressed and resolved. At Roma State College our staff will work to quickly respond to any matters raised of this nature in collaboration with students and parents.

The following flowchart explains the actions Roma State College teachers will take when they receive a report about student bullying, including bullying which may have occurred online or outside of the school setting. Please note that the indicative timeframes will vary depending on the professional judgment of teachers who receive the bullying complaint and their assessment of immediate risk to student/s.



## Roma State College - Bullying response flowchart for teachers

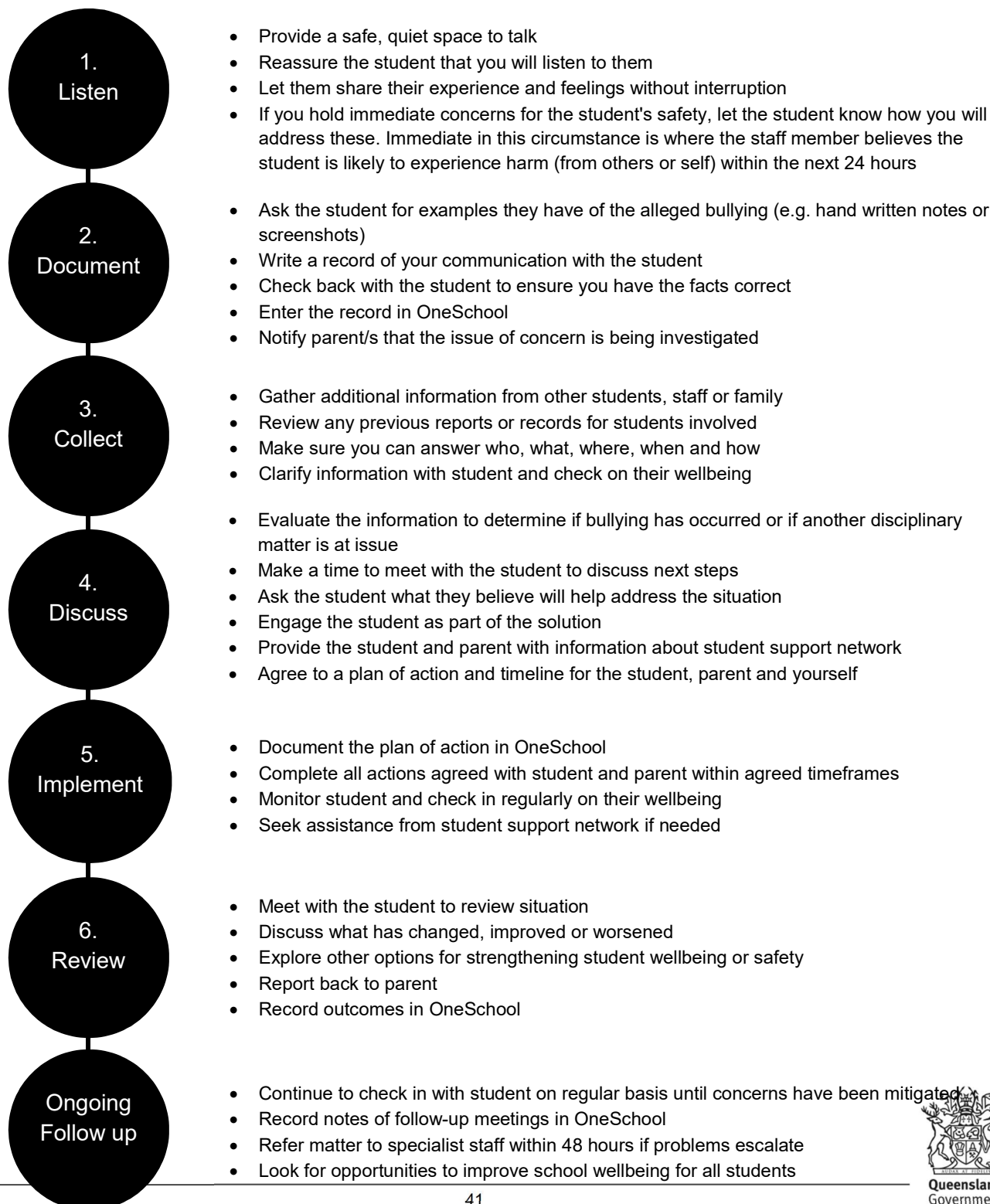
Please note these timelines may be adjusted depending on the unique circumstances and risk associated with each situation. This is at the professional judgment of the staff involved. Timeframes should be clearly discussed and agreed with student and family.

### Key contacts for students and parents to report bullying:

Prep to Year 6 – Class teacher

Year 7 to Year 12 –Year Level Coordinator or Head Of Department

Head of Campus



## Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is treated at Roma State College with the same level of seriousness as in-person bullying. The major difference with cyberbullying however, is that unlike in-person bullying, cyberbullying follows students into their community, their homes and their bedrooms, giving them no opportunity to escape the harassment or abuse during the evening, weekends or holidays.

In the first instance, students or parents who wish to make a report about cyberbullying should approach the regular class teacher (for students in primary year levels) or the Year Level Coordinator (for students in secondary year levels). For students in Year 7-12, online notifications of cyber-bullying occurrences can be reported anonymously using the Stymie platform.

<https://about.stymie.com.au/>

It is important for students, parents and staff to know that state school principals have the authority to take disciplinary action to address student behaviours that occur outside of school hours or school grounds. This includes cyberbullying. Parents and students who have concerns about cyberbullying incidents occurring during school holidays should immediately seek assistance through the [Office of the e-Safety Commissioner](#) or the Queensland Police Service.

Students enrolled at Roma State College may face in-school disciplinary action, such as detention or removing of privileges, or more serious consequences such as suspension or exclusion from school for engaging in behaviour that adversely affects, or is likely to adversely affect, other students or the good order and management of the school. This includes behaviour such as cyberbullying which occurs outside of school hours or settings, for example on the weekend or during school holidays. It also applies to inappropriate online behaviour of enrolled students that is directed towards other community members or students from other school sites.

Parents or other stakeholders who engage in inappropriate online behaviour towards students, staff or other parents may be referred to the Office of the e-Safety Commissioner and/or the Queensland Police Service. State school staff will be referred for investigation to the Integrity and Employee Relations team in the Department of Education. Any questions or concerns about the school process for managing or responding to cyberbullying should be directed to Head of Campus.

# Roma State College - Cyberbullying response flowchart for school staff

## How to manage online incidents that impact your school

### Student protection

If at any point the principal forms a reasonable suspicion that a student has been harmed or is at risk of harm, they have a responsibility to respond in accordance with the [Student protection procedure](#).

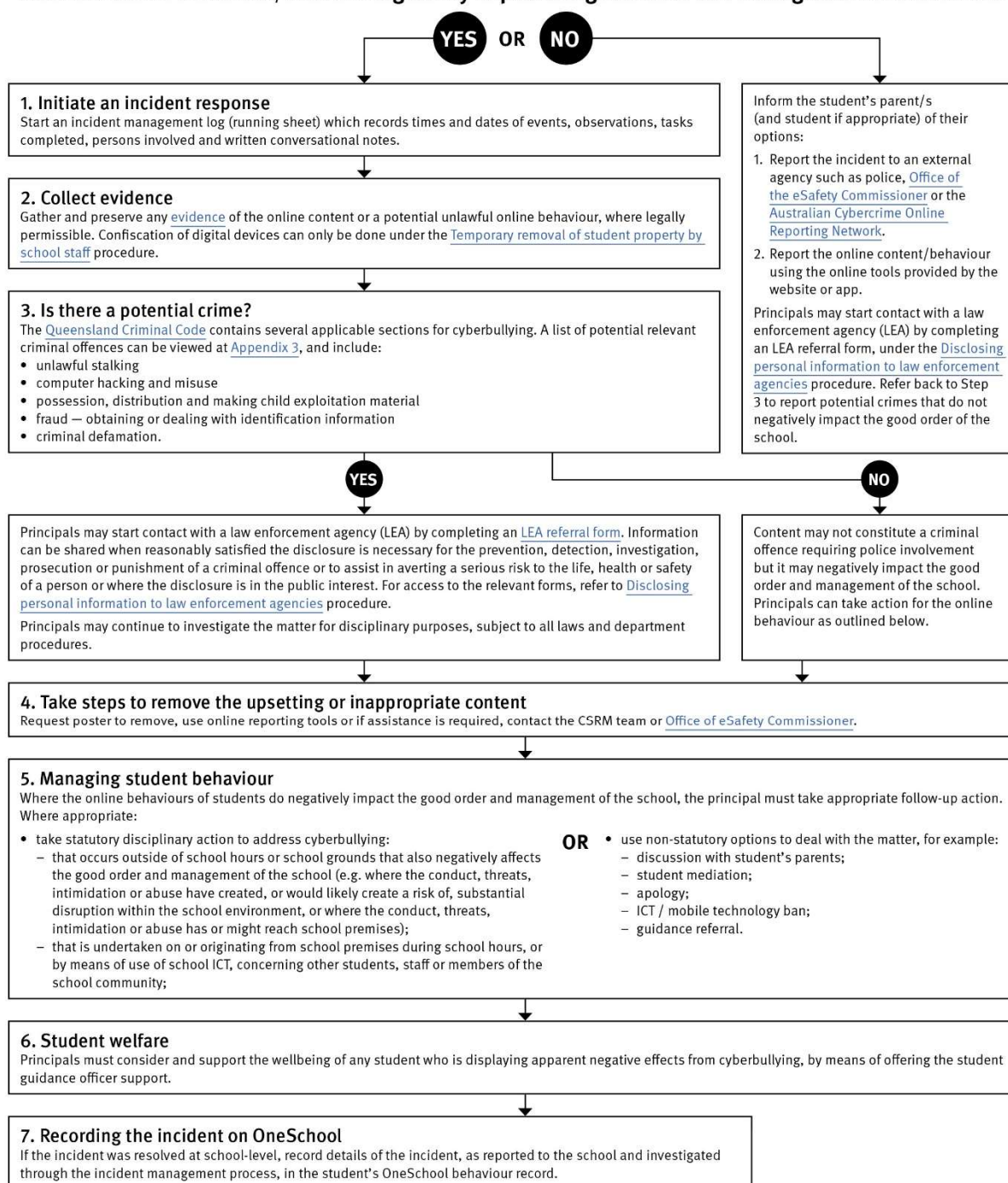
### Explicit images

If the investigation involves naked or explicit images of children, staff should not save, copy, forward or otherwise deal with the content, as per the [Temporary removal of student property by school staff procedure](#). This includes onto OneSchool records. Refer to the investigative process outlined in 'Responding to incidents involving naked or explicit images of children' from the [Online Incident management guidelines](#).

### Report

Refer to the [Online incident management guidelines](#) for more details, or if assistance is required, contact the Cybersafety and Reputation Management (CSRM) team on 3034 5035 or [Cybersafety.ReputationManagement@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:Cybersafety.ReputationManagement@qed.qld.gov.au).

Does the online behaviour/incident negatively impact the good order and management of the school?



## Cybersafety and Reputation Management (CRM)

The Department of Education employs a dedicated team of experts to assist in maintaining the integrity of the department's reputation with regards to cybersafety and reputation management issues, effectively leading the development and implementation of departmental cybersafety processes.

This team provides **direct support for schools** to respond to concerns of inappropriate online behaviour and misuse of information and communication technology.

The team provides a [guide for parents](#) with important information about cybersafety and cyberbullying, and suggestions about what you can do if your child is a target or responsible for inappropriate online behaviour.

The team has also developed a [Cyberbullying and reputation management](#) (Department employees only) resource to assist principals in incident management.

For more information about cybersafety sessions at your school, or for assistance with issues relating to online behaviour, contact the [team](#) (Department employees only).

### Student Intervention and Support Services

Roma State College recognises the need to provide intervention and support to all students involved in incidents of bullying, including cyberbullying.

Students who have been subject or witness to bullying have access to a range of internal support staff, as identified in the Student Support Services section earlier in this document. Students are, however, also encouraged to approach any staff member with whom they feel comfortable sharing their concerns, regardless of their role in the school. All staff at Roma State College are familiar with the response expectations to reports of bullying, and will act quickly to ensure students' concerns are addressed. Depending on the nature of the reported bullying incident, a formal plan of action may be developed and documented to support the implementation of strategies to assist the student.

Students who engage in bullying behaviours towards others will also be provided with support to assist them to use more socially acceptable and appropriate behaviours in their interactions. This includes counselling, social development programs, referral to mental health services or involvement in a restorative justice strategy. School disciplinary measures may also be used to reinforce the seriousness with which the community takes all incidents of bullying. These measures may include internal school suspension, withdrawal from social events or celebrations or more severe punishments such as suspension or exclusion from school.

## **Roma State College – Anti-Bullying Compact**

The Anti-Bullying Compact provides a clear outline of the way our community at Roma State College works together to establish a safe, supportive and disciplined school environment. This compact is provided to all students and their parents upon enrolment, and may be revisited with individual students if particular problems around bullying arise.

### **Roma State College – Anti Bullying Compact**

We agree to work together to improve the quality of relationships in our community at Roma State College. It is through intentional consideration of our behaviour and communication that we can reduce the occurrence of bullying, and improve the quality of the schooling experience for everyone.

The agreed national definition for Australian schools describes bullying as

- ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm;
- involving an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening;
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- having immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

We believe that no one deserves to be mistreated and that everyone regardless of race, colour, religion, immigration status, nationality, size, gender, popularity, athletic capability, academic outcomes, social ability, or intelligence has the right to feel safe, secure, and respected.

I agree to:

- Treat everyone with kindness and respect.
- Abide by the school's anti-bullying policies and procedures.
- Support individuals who have been bullied.
- Speak out against verbal, relational, physical bullying and cyber bullying.
- Notify a parent, teacher, or school administrator when bullying does occur.

Student's signature

Parent's signature

School representative signature

Date

## Appropriate use of social media

The internet, mobile phones and social media provide wonderful opportunities for students to network and socialise online. While these technologies provide positive platforms for sharing ideas, they also have the potential to cause pain and suffering to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

It's important to remember that sometimes negative comments posted about the school community have a greater impact than expected. This guide offers some information about how to use social media in relation to comments or posts about the school community. Reputations of students, teachers, schools, principals and even parents can be permanently damaged — and in some cases, serious instances of inappropriate online behaviour are dealt with by police and the court system.

Being aware of a few simple strategies can help keep the use of social media positive and constructive:

- Before you post something online, ask yourself if the community or individual really need to know. Is it relevant, positive and helpful?
- Remember that what you post online is a direct reflection of who you are. People will potentially form lasting opinions of you based on what you post online.
- Be a good role model. If things get heated online consider logging out and taking a few moments to relax and think. Hasty, emotive responses could inflame situations unnecessarily.
- Be mindful when commenting, try to keep general and avoid posting anything that could identify individuals.
- A few years ago parents may have discussed concerns or issues with their friends at the school gate. Today with the use of social media, online discussions between you and your close friends can very quickly be shared with a much wider audience, potentially far larger than intended.
- Taking a few moments to think about the content you are about to post could save upset, embarrassment, and possible legal action.
- As a parent you have a role in supervising and regulating your child's online activities at home and its impact on the reputation and privacy of others. Parents are their child's first teachers — so they will learn online behaviours from you.

### **Is it appropriate to comment or post about schools, staff or students?**

Parental and community feedback is important for schools and the department. If you have a compliment, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to the school about the matter, rather than discussing it in a public forum.

While many schools use social media to update parents of school notices, the department prefers that parents contact schools directly with a compliment, complaint or enquiry due to privacy considerations. Imagine if your doctor, accountant or banking institution tried to contact you to discuss important matters via Facebook.

If you have raised an issue with a school or know that another person has, consider refraining from discussing those details on social media, particularly the names of anyone involved.

Keep comments calm and polite, just as you would over the telephone or by email. If you encounter negative or derogatory content online which involves the school, hinders a child's learning and/or affects the school community at large, contact the school principal.

### **Possible civil or criminal ramifications of online commentary**

A serious instance of inappropriate online behaviour may constitute a criminal offence and become a police matter. For example, online content may substantiate the offence of 'using a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence' (Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) s. 474.17). School staff may contact their union or obtain personal legal advice if they feel that online content seriously impacts their reputation. Defamatory online content may give rise to litigation under the Defamation Act 2005 (Qld).

### **What about other people's privacy?**

If you upload photos of your children, be mindful of who might be in the background. You might be happy to share your child's successes with your friends and family via social media, but some parents are not. If you are tagging or naming students, consider that other parents may not want their child's name attached to images online.

### **What if I encounter problem content?**

Taking the following steps may help resolve the issue in a constructive way:

- refrain from responding
- take a screen capture or print a copy of the concerning online content
- if you consider problem content to be explicit, pornographic or exploitative of minors, you should keep a record of the URL of the page containing that content but NOT print or share it. The URL can be provided to the school principal, or police, as needed for escalation of serious concerns
- block the offending user
- report the content to the social media provider.

## Restrictive Practices

School staff at Roma State College need to respond to student behaviour that presents a risk of physical harm to the student themselves or others. It is anticipated that most instances of risky behaviour can be de-escalated and resolved quickly. On some rarer occasions, a student's behaviour may continue to escalate and staff need to engage immediately with positive and proactive strategies aimed at supporting the student to manage their emotional arousal and behaviour.

In some very rare situations, where there is immediate risk of physical harm to the student or other people, and when all other alternative strategies have failed to reduce the risk, it may be necessary for staff to use restrictive practices.

The use of restrictive practices will always be as a last resort, when there is no other available option for reducing immediate risk to the student, staff or other people. Restrictive practices are not used for punishment or as a disciplinary measure.

The department's **Restrictive practices procedure** is written with consideration for the protection of everyone's human rights, health, safety and welfare. There are six fundamental principles:

1. Regard to the human rights of those students
2. Safeguards students, staff and others from harm
3. Ensures transparency and accountability
4. Places importance on communication and consultation with parents and carers
5. Maximises the opportunity for positive outcomes, and
6. Aims to reduce or eliminate the use of restrictive practices.

Very rarely restrictive practices will be planned and staff will employ, when necessary, pre-arranged strategies and methods (of physical restraint/ mechanical restraint/ clinical holding) which are based upon behaviour risk assessment or clinical health need and are recorded in advance. The use of planned strategies will only be where there is foreseeable immediate risk consistent with the **Restrictive practices procedure**.

Seclusion will not be used as a planned response and will only be used in serious circumstances for managing an unforeseeable situation in an emergency. It will be used for the shortest time possible and in a safe area that presents no additional foreseeable risk to the student. In such emergencies, a staff member will observe the student at all times and seclusion will cease as soon as possible.

Following the use of any restrictive practice, a focused review will help staff to understand how they responded to the risk in any incident that involved the use of a restrictive practice. Staff will consider whether there are other options for managing a similar situation in the future. This strategy works well for reducing the use of restrictive practices.

All incidents of restrictive practices will be recorded and reported in line with departmental procedures.



## Critical Incidents

It is important that all school staff have a consistent understanding of how to respond in emergencies involving student behaviour that seriously endangers the student or others. This consistency ensures that appropriate actions are taken to ensure that both students and staff are kept safe.

A critical incident is defined as an occurrence that is sudden, urgent, and usually unexpected, or an occasion requiring immediate action (e.g. in the community, on the road). The aim in these situations is to bring the behaviour of the student under rapid and safe control. It is not a time to try and to punish or discipline the student; it is a crisis management period only.

Staff should follow the documented plan for any student involved in regular critical incidents, which should be saved and available for staff to review in OneSchool.

For unexpected critical incidents, staff should use basic defusing techniques:

1. Avoid escalating the problem behaviour: Avoid shouting, cornering the student, moving into the student's space, touching or grabbing the student, sudden responses, sarcasm, becoming defensive, communicating anger and frustration through body language.
2. Maintain calmness, respect and detachment: Model the behaviour you want students to adopt, stay calm and controlled, use a serious measured tone, choose your language carefully, avoid humiliating the student, be matter of fact and avoid responding emotionally.
3. Approach the student in a non-threatening manner: Move slowly and deliberately toward the problem situation, speak privately to the student/s where possible, speak calmly and respectfully, minimise body language, keep a reasonable distance, establish eye level position, be brief, stay with the agenda, acknowledge cooperation, withdraw if the situation escalates.
4. Follow through: If the student starts displaying the appropriate behaviour briefly acknowledge their choice and re-direct other students' attention towards their usual work/activity. If the student continues with the problem behaviour, then remind them of the expected school behaviour and identify consequences of continued unacceptable behaviour.
5. Debrief: At an appropriate time when there is low risk of re-escalation, help the student to identify the sequence of events that led to the unacceptable behaviour, pinpoint decision moments during the sequence of events, evaluate decisions made, and identify acceptable decision options for future situations.

## Related Procedures and Guidelines

These are related procedures or guidelines which school staff use to inform decisions and actions around matters associated with students wellbeing, behaviour and learning.

- Cancellation of enrolment
- Complex case management
- Customer complaints management policy and procedure
- Disclosing personal information to law enforcement agencies
- Enrolment in state primary, secondary and special schools
- Hostile people on school premises, wilful disturbance and trespass
- Inclusive education
- Police and Child Safety Officer interviews and searches with students
- Restrictive practices
- Refusal to enrol – Risk to safety or wellbeing
- Student discipline
- Student dress code
- Student protection
- Supporting students' mental health and wellbeing
- Temporary removal of student property by school staff
- Use of ICT systems
- Using mobile devices

## Resources

- [Australian Professional Standards for Teachers](#)
- [Behaviour Foundations professional development package](#) (school employees only)
- [Bullying. No Way!](#)
- [eheadspace](#)
- [Kids Helpline](#)
- [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#)
- [Parent and community engagement framework](#)
- [Parentline](#)
- [Queensland Department of Education School Discipline](#)
- [Raising Children Network](#)
- [Student Wellbeing Hub](#)

## Conclusion

Roma State College staff are committed to ensuring every student is supported to feel safe, welcome and valued in our school. There may, however, be occasions where parents need to raise a concern or make a complaint about an issue you feel is adversely affecting their child's education.

All Queensland state schools are committed to ensuring that all complaints - whether they relate to a school staff member or a school's operations - are dealt with in a fair and equitable manner. As a parent or carer, you can express dissatisfaction with the service or action of the Department of Education or its staff, including decisions made or actions taken in a school and/or by the local regional office.

As a complainant, it is your responsibility to:

- give us a clear idea of the issue or concern and your desired solution
- provide all the relevant information when making the complaint
- understand that addressing a complaint can take time
- cooperate respectfully and understand that unreasonable, abusive, or disrespectful conduct will not be tolerated
- let us know if something changes, including if help is no longer needed.

**The Department of Education may not proceed with your complaint if your conduct is unreasonable.**

In most instances, staff members are told of complaints made about them and offered the right of reply. A complainant also has the right to have a support person throughout the process.

The following three-step approach assists parents and school staff in reaching an outcome that is in the best interests of the student:

**1. Early resolution:** discuss your complaint with the school

The best place to raise any concerns is at the point where the problem or issue arose. You can make an appointment at the school to discuss your complaint with your child's teacher or the principal. You are also welcome to lodge your complaint in writing or over the phone. You can also make a complaint through [QGov](#).

Complaints may be lodged by telephone, writing or in electronic format. Email addresses can be accessed through the [schools directory](#).

**2. Internal review:** [contact the local Regional Office](#)

If, after taking the early resolution step, you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint or how the complaint was handled, you can ask the local [regional office](#) to conduct a review. You need to submit a [Request for internal review form](#) within 28 days of receiving the complaint outcome.

- 3. External review:** contact a review authority if you are dissatisfied after the internal review, you may wish to contact a review authority, such as the Queensland Ombudsman, and request an independent, external review. More information about external review options is available at [www.ombudsman.qld.gov.au](http://www.ombudsman.qld.gov.au).

Some matters need to be handled in a different way to school matters and will be referred to other areas in the department. These include:

- issues about harm, or risk of harm, to a student attending a state school, which must be managed in accordance with the [Student protection procedure](#).
- complaints about corrupt conduct, public interest disclosures; or certain decisions made under legislation, which will be dealt with as outlined in the [Excluded complaints factsheet](#).